



Rhythm 'n' Pews

Friday, April 11

7:00 p.m.

In the Celebration Center

A “musical potpourri” of gospel, contemporary Christian, country, Broadway show tunes, and more.

Performers include The Gresham Family, Greater Joy, Heather Sreves, Gary Lively & Lane Rogers, Keith Robinson & Brittany, Alberta Faber, Miss Hampton Roads Outstanding Preteen, Cassie Donegan and Jenn Moore.

A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the various mission programs of WMUMC. See you there!!

Warwick Weekly—March 30, 2008

May each of us worship with openness and love between God and our fellow worshipers. Everyone present is a child of God, and all are welcomed here in His house of worship.

Please see an usher if you need large print bulletins or hearing devices to amplify the sound for use during the worship services.

Prayer Chain: If you have a person in need of prayer, call the church office (877-2270) and your request will receive prompt addition to a prayer chain. If you would like to be a part of the **electronic prayer** chain and receive 5-10 prayer requests a week or place a prayer request on the chain, send your name and email address to Jim Rogers at 68eagle@cox.net.

Serving Today

Ushers: (8:30)
(11:00)

Greeters: (8:30)
(11:00) Stella and Paul Ramsey

Junior Church Today (8:30) Al Dorner
(11:00) David Ellis

Next Sunday (8:30) Andrea Legreid
(11:00) Christi Girvin

Prayer Thoughts

We come seeking your presence, Lord, and praying for strength and guidance to live lives that are pleasing to you.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of **John Comer's birthday** by his children and their families.

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to **Warner Williams** and his family on the death of his mother on Friday, March 21.

We also extend our Christian sympathy to the **family of Debbie Jordan** who died on Tuesday, March 25.

Celebration Center Chatter PORT Report: We had six partner churches for our first year as host church. Our partners were: Colossian Baptist, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Unity Fellowship, Christ UMC, Lebanon Christian (Donna's church), and Missionary Society District 3. Between all seven of us over 300 people gave freely of their time to support the shelter. We provided meals and shelter for 669 clients over the week for an average of 96 people a night. The high was 119 and the low was 73. The number of women ran from 12 to 20 and, fortunately, there was only one child.

Too many of you helped to list you all here but know that I'm very grateful for all you did, especially putting up with me when I was tired and cranky.

Our costs were: \$289.68 for food, \$478.80 for extra janitorial service, and 158.81 for common store items. We'll figure out the extra cost of utilities when those bills come in.

Our partner churches averaged around \$400 for the cost of food so that donation ran some \$2400. The grand total for all seven churches was over \$3300 not counting utilities. I'm also happy to say that all but one church followed our green church lead so we generated very little extra garbage.

I'll be meeting with the Outreach Committee soon to review lessons learned and to make preliminary plans for next year. Watch for a call for volunteers so you too can experience this ministry that Jesus calls us to do.

Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

Relay for Life

A coordinator is needed for our church's participation in Relay for Life. Kay Fries can tell you about the work load. If interested, contact Pastor Steve.

Free "Affording College" Program Open to All Parents on the Virginia Peninsula

On Saturday, April 19, parents are invited to a free morning program on how to plan for college expenses. The program, "Affording College," will show parents how to estimate college costs and how much they will be expected to pay. It will also address ways to save for college and the methods used by colleges to award financial aid. The presentation will focus on issues relevant to all parents who want to start planning and saving for college.

Presenters will include a local college planning consultant, college financial aid officers, a certified public accountant, a representative of ECMC, a loan guaranty agency, and the supervisor of guidance for Newport News Public Schools. The program is sponsored by Hampton Roads Educational Consulting, LLC and the Guidance Advisory Committee for Newport News Public Schools. The program will take place from **9:30 - 11:45 a.m. in the auditorium of Warwick High School**, 51 Copeland Lane, Newport News. Learn more at <http://affordingcollege.org> or call NNPS 591-4644.

Circle News

The **Dana Tyson Circle** will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1st in the Aldersgate Classroom.

The **Ardelle Lett Circle** will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 3rd in the Wesleyan Classroom.

Youth Stuff

Today - No Regular UMYF

Wednesday - High School Bible Study - 7- 9:00 p.m. (study begins at 7:30) at the At Lee's house.

Next Sunday - Gym Jam! - (instead of regular UMYF) Tunes, volleyball, dodge ball, Frisbee and more!! 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Celebration Center.

Updates & Upcoming Stuff - Check the Youth Bulletin Board for more info and sign-up sheets:

- Joe Corbi Pizza Sales—March 16-April 13
- Spring Break Special Event (week of April 7th...watch for details!)
- District Youth retreat at Makemie Woods - Fri-Sun April 18-20. Theme "Where You At??"

There may still be some limited spaces for this event available if you're interested.

Sign up Sheet on the Youth bulletin board at church. Call Dick with any questions.

Thank You

Thank you to all the "Sonrise" breakfast group. You did a great job. Melanie Evans

Puppet Ministry Festival!

One Way Street is hosting a puppet ministry festival in Richmond, Friday and Saturday, April 18-19. Several of God's Promises Puppet Ministry from WMUMC are planning to attend. If you are interested in creative ministries and would like to go with them, please contact Ms. Gerry at the church office or email: msgerryturner@aol.com. Group cost for both days is \$26 each prior to April 8. Check out their website for more information: www.onewaystreet.com.

United Methodist Children's Fellowship

United Methodist Children's Fellowship (UMCF) is for children in **grades 1-5** and meets **Sunday evenings from 5:45 to 7:30**. After a light supper the children participate in short-term Bible studies, hands-on projects, worship and fellowship. Through the end of May we will be using *Learning To Use My Bible* to help children become more familiar with their Bible. This resource uses a step-by-step approach and will open the Bible message to the children for their lifelong faith journey. The schedule is as follows:

- March 30 *Learning to Use My Bible* Session 1-Bible Is a Treasure Book
- April 6 *Learning to Use My Bible* Session 2-A Very Special Library
- April 13 *Learning to Use My Bible* Session 3-Old Testament: God's Mighty Acts
- April 20 *Learning to Use My Bible* Session 4-Old Testament:Judges, Kings and Prophets
- April 27 *Learning to Use My Bible* Session 5-The Gospels: The Life of Jesus
- May 4 *Learning to Use My Bible* Session 6-The Gospels: The Teachings of Jesus
- May 11 No Meeting - Mother's Day
- May 18 *Learning to Use My Bible* Session 7-Acts and New Testament Letters: Tell The Good News
- May 25 *Learning to Use My Bible* Wrap-up; Review
- June 1 Game Night

Calling All Surfer Dudes and Dudettes!

Would you like to spend a whole week this summer at a huge Beach Party complete with surfing lessons, great beach music, beachcombing adventures, and so much more? Sign up for a Vacation Bible School leadership role and you will be promised an incredible week of fun in the Son as you help our children surf through the Scriptures and develop new Beach Be-Attitudes! Contact Bonnie Turner, Kim Mungin or Ms. Gerry at msgerry1@verizon.net.

Friday 13th is a Lucky Day for You & DUCO!

Grab your golfing gear, **and raise funds for DUCO!** The Newport News Elks Lodge #315 invites you to participate in its Charity Golf Tournament on **June 13, 2008**, 8:00 a.m. at Pines Golf Course, Fort Eustis. Fees are \$250.00 per team or \$75.00 per person. (Mulligan packages and hole sponsorships are available.) After the tournament, lunch and prizes will be offered at the Elks Lodge (13813-A Warwick Boulevard, 23602). No superstition—an enjoyable event is expected by all, and your participation will aid families in crisis as **all profits go to Denbigh United Christian Outreach. Please RSVP to our gracious hosts (ELKS, 877-0171, or Larry Church) by June 9, 2007.** Thanks!

Trip To Israel

Jim Taylor will meet with anyone possibly interested in the trip to Israel at the church at **4:00 p.m.** today. The trip is tentatively planned for May 6, 2009 and will last 15 days. We will discuss the trip including projected cost, give out pamphlets on the trip and answer any questions. Call me if you are interested and can't attend the meeting. Jim Taylor

Acting 101 Class To Be Offered

If you have ever said "Gee, I think I would like to act, but I don't know much about it", this is an opportunity made for you! **The Living Word Drama Ministry Team** invites anyone **12 years of age and over** from the congregation to this introduction to acting and the stage class. It will be held on **Sunday, April 13 in the Celebration Center from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** **A sign-up sheet is in the church office.** If you want to have a good time, learn about basic theater, meet some great people and enjoy some snacks, mark your calendar and be there on the 13th!

Reminder on Recycling at WMUMC

Warwick Memorial has implemented GREEN recycling stations throughout the church. Green Recycling containers are labeled to collect empty aluminum soda cans, aluminum products, empty plastic bottles, newspapers and paper. The aluminum cans and newspapers are taken to the S.P.C.A. on a monthly basis. The animal shelter is in dire need of newspapers. The shelter uses the money received from the weight of the aluminum cans to purchase food and other needs for the animals at the shelter.

A Note to Sunday School Classes: Please put recyclable paper products in recycling containers that are located throughout the church and not in the classroom trash cans.

A Note to Those Who Host a Food Event: Please make sure that a garbage can is visible when serving any type of food. I am frequently finding trash/and or food in some of the green recycling containers.

A Final Note: Please do not put trash/and or food in the green containers. Many trash cans are located throughout the church. Thank you. Tina C. Sherwood, Ph.D., Recycling Coordinator

Federal Income Tax Filing Required for Economic Stimulus Package

In order to be considered for the Bush Administration's Economic Stimulus Payment, even those who do not normally file a federal tax return must do so in 2007. To qualify for the payment, you must have at least \$3,000 of qualifying income. Help in preparing these returns is available through April 15 at the AARP TaxAide sites listed on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall and near the church office. If you choose to visit an AARP site, bring a picture ID, social security card (or proof thereof—Medicare cards are acceptable), your year end Social Security statement, and any other year end statements for pensions, interest income, dividend, income, etc. If you have questions, contact Henry Bennett at 877-2258 or Jim Taylor at 599-4306.

Epes Elementary School

Epes Elementary School has a shortage of art supplies for the younger grades. Since they are a neighborhood school in need and has asked for help, we would like to accommodate them as best we can. Please consider collecting any of the items below from February 25 through March 31, and place them in the bin labeled "Epes Elementary" located in the Celebration Center gathering area: Dry erase markers (any color); water Colors (**not** finger paints) - brown, red, yellow, green, blue, black, white; cardstock—any color, any size so they can put pictures on it; construction paper — all colors—9x12; 12x18. Thanks for your generosity!
Local Missions Committee

Kairos Closing Ceremony

On Sunday, April 27th Jay & Gail Slocum will again be attending the closing ceremony at the Greensville Correctional Center in Jarratt, VA. Along with the Team of Kairos No. 12, we'd like to cordially invite anyone interested to join us at this ceremony. You will hear testimonies that speak of hardened hearts that underwent massive heart changes...all because of the witness of a small band of Kairos men who came to share Jesus. Singing. Testimonies. Fellowship. It is a life-changing event – don't miss it. If interested, please contact Jay (jsloc@verizon.net) today or at the latest Sunday, April 6th.



The youth are selling Joe Corbi pizzas through April 13. See one of them to place your order to satisfy your hunger for pizza. You will be helping yourself and missions at the same time. You can't beat that combination. Pizzas will be delivered on April 26.

**Mark Your Calendar!
All-American Barn Dance
Friday, April 25
Celebration Center**



The Pastor's Bible Study

The Pastor's Bible Study, taught by Pastor Steve, meets **Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30**, in the Aldersgate Sunday School Classroom (across from the Fellowship Hall). We are currently studying The Acts of the Apostles.

March 26 Chapter 1: The Pre-Pentecost Church; The Definition of an Apostle; Selecting the 12th Apostle; The Death of Judas;

April 2 Chapter 2: The Day of Pentecost

9 Chapters 3, 4, & 5: The Prayer for Boldness; Ananias and Sapphira; Persecution

16 Chapters 6 & 7: Pastor Carole will fill in for Pastor Steve this evening; The Selection, Speech, and Stoning of Stephen

23 Chapters 8 & 9: The Ethiopian Eunuch; The Conversion (or Calling) of Saul (Paul)

30 Chapter 10: Peter at Joppa, Peter's Dream; Cornelius

May 7 Chapters 11-15: The Rise of Paul; The Council of Jerusalem; The Church's Expanding Self-Definition

May 14 – June 11: We will study the Prophet Amos. We will not meet during the summer, resuming in the Fall with a detailed study of Isaiah.

Worship

April 6 8:30 & 11:00 Holy Communion; Meditation: Virtual Reality (Luke 22:14-23)

Celebrate - Scripture: 1 Peter 1:17-23 "Grace Is Amazing, But It'll Cost Ya!"

13 The **Confirmation Class** is doing the worship service (Coordinator: Pastor Sonja)

Celebrate - Carol Stockberger is worship leader

20 8:30 & 11:00 Festival of God's Creation; Guest Preacher: Pat Watkins
Our District Superintendent, Myrtle Frances Hatcher will be present and participate in 8:30 and/or 11:00

City officials helping with stewardship of the earth will be recognized
A reception in the Fellowship Hall follows the 11:00 a.m. service.

Celebrate - Scripture: 1 Peter 2:2-10; Message: "Yep, It's God Calling...Again!"

27 Dave Amaker, portraying Jesus, will preach the Sermon on the Mount
Celebrate - Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-22; Message: "Fear Factor...Not Reality TV"

May 4 8:30 and 11:00 Holy Communion; Meditation: It's Holy (I Corinthians 11:23-28); signing of the song "Remember Me"
Celebrate - Scripture: Acts 1:6-14; Message: "U-N-I-T-Y"

11 Pentecost - **One Worship: Celebration Center 10:00 a.m.**
Acts 2:1-12 Mother's Day Celebration **No Sunday School**
A Reception for Confirmands follows worship - Fellowship Hall.

18 8:30 Marriage Vow Renewal Service; 11:00 Sermon: Christian Marriage
Celebrate - Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Message: "The Benediction"

25 8:30 Sermon: Christian Marriage; 11:00 Marriage Vow Renewal Service
Celebrate - Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Message: "Are You Real Giving Your Best To God?"